

MINUTES

Village of Westmont
Regular Meeting
Economic Development Committee
September 7, 2016, 9:00 a.m.

Westmont Village Hall Executive Session Room
31 West Quincy Street, Westmont, IL

1. Call to Order

Chairman Addington called the meeting to order at 9:00 am.

2. Roll Call

Jim Addington, Chairman - present
Ron Gunter, Mayor - present
Bruce Barker, Trustee - absent
Harold Barry, Trustee - absent
Bob Scott, Resident Representative - present
Nancy Martens, Citizen Representative - present
Virginia Szymiski, Village Clerk - present
Corinne Beller, Citizen Representative - present
Kevin Carey, School Representative - absent
Frank Brady, Business/Resident Representative - absent
Larry Forssberg, Chamber Executive Director - present
Bill Kalafut, Business/Resident Representative - present
Larry Kaufman, Director of Fire Prevention Bureau - absent
Steve May, Village Manager - present
Gregg Pill, Business/Resident Representative - present
Bob Fleck, Director of Park District - absent
Thomas Mulhearn, Police Chief - absent
Jim Gunther, Deputy Chief - present
Dave Weiss, Fire Chief - absent
Jill Ziegler, Community Development Director - present
Larry McIntyre, Communications Director - absent
Steve Riley, Deputy Fire Chief - present
Mike Ramsey, Public Works Director - absent
Joe Hennerfeind, Planner II - present
Rose Gross, Administrative Assistant - present
Melissa Brendle, Office Supervisor - present

3. Pledge of Allegiance

4. Minutes

Motion was made by Committee Member Gregg Pill to accept the minutes of the August 3, 2016 meeting. The motion was seconded by Resident Representative Bob Scott.

Motion was made by Village Clerk Virginia Szymiski to accept the minutes of the July 6, 2016 meeting. The motion was seconded by Resident Representative Gregg Pill .

5. Old Business updates

A. Napleton Porsche of Westmont - 201 and 209 East Ogden Avenue

Project goes before Planning and Zoning Commission on September 14, 2016.

B. Brown's Chicken - 220 West Ogden Avenue

Mr. Kennefick is still working with the owner of the property. Mr. Kennefick has inquired about the status of video gaming in Westmont.

C. Urban Veterinary Associates - 35 North Cass Avenue

Project goes before Planning and Zoning Commission on September 14, 2016.

6. New Business

A. No new business for this meeting.

7. Other information

A. Special Projects:

Economic Development Plan - Strategic Plan Action Items

Continuing with discussion from last month's meeting regarding the Strategic Plan handout. A copy of the draft of the Village's Strategic Plan was handed out. The focus of this plan should be on Economic Development. The draft was reviewed with the top five priorities listed in the plan. A source to consider partnering with going forward is Choose DuPage. A streetscape plan was again discussed, with Ogden Avenue and 63rd Street being the main focus. Committee members were encouraged to look at businesses in other communities and persuade them to come into Westmont. The appearance of the shopping mall at 63rd Street and Cass Avenue was discussed. Incentives to entice businesses was discussed. The Village of Downers Grove offers incentives to its car dealerships. In the past, dealerships have requested an incentive. There is a Strategic Plan Committee meeting on September 14 at 10 a.m. where updates from Economic Development Committee will be provided.

B. Westmont Economic Development Partnership Update

Restaurant reviews are now in the paper for 20 different communities. The articles are also on social media and Shop/Dine/Discover. The reviews are bringing diners from out-of-town into Westmont and there are 95 restaurants in Westmont. Anyone who goes to a restaurant because of the review, please mention that you are there because of the review.

C. Miscellaneous

Tesla Motors has not yet received an automobile dealer license from the State of Illinois.

8. Adjourn

Motion to adjourn was made by Village Clerk Virginia Szynski and seconded by Resident Representative Corrine Beller at 10:12 a.m.